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DETECTING APPARATUS, LIQUID DETECTING METHOD,  
AND LIQUID-AMOUNT DETECTING METHOD"

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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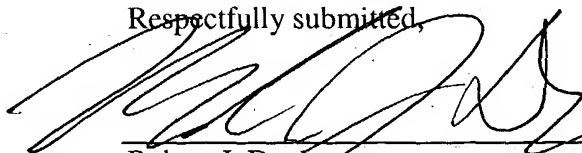
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--This application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Number JP2002-215848 filed July 24, 2002 which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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